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In re the Application of

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For: DISK CHUCKING DEVICE AND DISK DRIVE INCLUDING THE SAME

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Sir:

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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification. (Ref. 2)
- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. (Refs. 1-2)

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1 -2.

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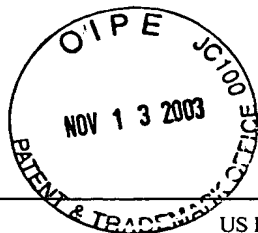
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	1	JP A 2000-357385 w/ abst & trans	12/26/2000	Japan			
	2	JP A 11-213495 w/ abst & trans	08/06/1999	Japan			
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The applicants are aware of the documents listed below:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 11-213495; and
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Publication No. 2000-357385.

We attach herewith copies of documents (1) and (2), and English abstracts thereof obtained from the EPO Web site.

Document (1) is discussed in the specification of the present application.

Document (2) discloses partition walls 21 and 24, which shape the inside "core" of the airflow into a perfect circuit and make the pressure distribution on the upper and lower surfaces of the disk 11 concentric with the axis. However, document (2) does not show or suggest that the chucking pulley has at least one wall that is provided on the side of the chucking pulley opposite to the pressure contacting side thereof and is arranged along a circumferential periphery of the chucking pulley.